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WASHINGTON, September 2, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 28 totaled an estimated 15.4 billion ton-miles, 16.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 546.8 billion ton-miles, 11.0 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 28 totaled 364,270 cars, 20.5 percent below 1981, but 0.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.2 percent in the East, 22.1 percent in the South, and 17.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Eleven of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 21 totaled 39,667 cars, up 18.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 66,530 trailers and/or containers, 10.4 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of the year was 1,218,973 cars, 9.0 percent higher than last year, and 2,153,712 trailers and/or containers, up 6.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/28/82:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>August 28, 1982</u>			Change from Corresponding <u>Week 1981</u>			Change from Preceding <u>Week</u>		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars Percent		
Grain	25,133	D		2,069	7.6	I	724	3.0	
Other farm products	3,113	I		1	0.0	D	55	1.7	
Metallic ores	13,691	D		24,231	63.9	D	388	2.8	
Coal	115,233	D		24,574	17.6	D	1,723	1.5	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,249	D		1,786	13.7	I	511	4.8	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,836	D		4,789	35.1	D	90	1.0	
Grain mill products	12,830	D		1,379	9.7	I	132	1.0	
Food and kindred products	13,475	D		2,021	13.0	I	203	1.5	
Primary forest products	13,995	D		4,939	26.1	D	401	2.8	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,371	D		1,209	15.9	I	221	3.8	
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,072	D		3,140	16.3	I	306	1.9	
Chemicals and allied products	20,625	D		5,404	20.8	D	488	2.3	
Petroleum products	5,098	D		238	4.5	D	33	0.6	
Stone, clay and glass products	10,785	D		2,418	13.8	I	267	2.5	
Coke	3,995	D		2,942	42.4	D	77	1.9	
Metals and products	7,659	D		7,737	50.3	D	73	0.9	
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,845	D		17	0.1	I	472	3.8	
Waste and scrap materials	7,403	D		4,389	37.2	D	5	0.1	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,854	D		1,176	11.7	I	273	3.2	
All other carloads	46,814	I		411	0.9	I	871	1.9	
LCL traffic	194	D		62	24.2	I	26	15.5	
Total Cars Loaded	364,270	D		94,108	20.5	I	683	0.2	

Corresponding week of 1981

458,378

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (35 weeks)	12,802,276	14,613,090	D 12.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
34 Weeks cumulative	531.5 (Rev.)	596.0	D 10.6
Week ended August 28	<u>15.4</u>	<u>18.4</u>	D 16.4
35 Weeks cumulative	546.8	614.4	D 11.0